

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): An electrically conductive damper device for a speaker comprising a main damper which is formed of damper material having metallic wires attached thereto, and a reinforcing damper which is attached to a part of said main damper on which a voice coil bobbin is mounted.

2. (original): The electrically conductive damper device for the speaker as claimed in claim 1, wherein said damper material is formed of a fabric impregnated with thermosetting resin, and said metallic wires are formed of electrically conductive material, said main damper being formed by attaching said metallic wires to said fabric by sewing.

3. (currently amended): The electrically conductive damper device for ~~the a~~ speaker as claimed in claim 1, wherein said reinforcing damper is attached to such an area of said main damper that a local bending occurring at said mounting part of said voice coil bobbin when said voice coil bobbin is driven by a voice coil ~~may be~~ is reduced and the, ~~whereby said~~ material of said main damper and ~~said the~~ metallic wires may be are prevented from breaking down.

4. (original): The electrically conductive damper device for the speaker as claimed in claim 1, wherein said main damper and said reinforcing damper are bonded to each other by means of an adhesive.

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5. (currently amended): The electrically conductive damper device for ~~the~~a speaker as claimed in claim 4, wherein ~~said~~the adhesive has an inner loss to such an extent that sympathetic vibrations of said electrically conductive damper occurring when said voice coil bobbin is driven ~~may be~~are dampened.

6. (original): The electrically conductive damper device for the speaker as claimed in claim 4, wherein said main damper and said reinforcing damper are bonded to each other by applying said adhesive.

7. (original): The electrically conductive damper device for the speaker as claimed in claim 4, wherein said main damper and said reinforcing damper are bonded to each other by sandwiching said adhesive between them and by fusion bonding.